

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Budget Committee of the County Commission of Wilson County, Tennessee met in regular session on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:10 p.m. in the upstairs Conference Room at the Wilson County Courthouse in Lebanon, Tennessee with the meeting being called to order at that time due to the length of the Education Committee, and the Minutes Committee and Steering Committee meetings having to begin later. Those members present were County Mayor Randall Hutto and Commissioners Sue Vanatta, Jerry McFarland, Gary Keith and Mike Justice, being all the members of the Committee. Also present was Finance Director Aaron Maynard, Director of Schools Dr. Donna Wright, Deputy Director of Schools Mickey Hall, School Board Chairman Larry Tomlinson, School Board member Bill Robinson, County Commissioners Bobby Franklin, Terry Scruggs, Chad Barnard, Wendell Marlowe, Annette Stafford and Diane Weathers, and County Attorney Michael R. Jennings.

Chairman Justice called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

A copy of the Budget Committee agenda is attached to these minutes.

The minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting were presented. Motion to approve these minutes as printed was made by Commissioner Vanatta, seconded by Commissioner Keith and carried unanimously.

Finance Director Aaron Maynard presented the Finance Report. He advised that property taxes are starting to roll in. He also advised the Committee that he has been discussing with the Finance Committee a new software program. There is a commitment from the Road Commission to pay \$50,000 on this new program. When this is ready to go forward, it will be brought to this Committee as well.

Director Maynard presented a budget amendment request for the Agricultural Center. Motion to recommend this budget amendment to the County Commission was made by Commissioner Vanatta, seconded by Commissioner McFarland and carried unanimously.

Director Maynard presented a budget amendment request for the Expo Center. The need for this request is brought about because, when the Expo Center opened during the last fiscal year, we had no payroll numbers for the first five months. The payroll numbers used for the last fiscal year were plugged into this year which of course has twelve months. This will alleviate that issue. Motion to recommend this budget amendment to the County Commission was made by Commissioner McFarland, seconded by Commissioner Vanatta and carried unanimously.

Director Maynard presented a budget amendment request from the Special Purpose School Fund. The request is actually for \$1,550,000. When discussed with the Education Committee this evening, the number used was \$1.5 million dollars. If this is approved, these funds can be paid back from the future bond issuance to build the new high school. Motion to recommend this budget amendment request to the County Commission was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Mayor Hutto. As discussion, Commissioner Vanatta asked if the School Board had approved this request. Mayor Hutto advised that he didn't ask them. He is trying to keep the project on time. Mickey Hall advised that the School Board had voted to employ the design team but not a specific amount.

Commissioner McFarland suggested that it is important that we do things from a business standpoint. There was much discussion about this request. At the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Justice called for the vote and the motion carried by vote of 3 for (Hutto, Justice, Keith) , 2 against (Vanatta, McFarland).

Director Maynard presented a budget amendment request for the General Fund. He advised that Joy of his office is retiring. These funds are necessary to pay out for her vacation and to pay a replacement employee for a two week training period. Motion to recommend this budget amendment request to the County Commission was made by Commissioner McFarland, seconded by Commissioner Vanatta and carried unanimously.

School Board Chairman Larry Tomlinson asked to address the Committee and discuss with them the site selection for the new high school in West Wilson County.

There being no further business to come before the Committee on motion of Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Vanatta, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn.

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